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 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program (Release: October 14; Close: December 18).

This program assists states and local governments in developing and implementing substance abuse treatment programs in local and state correctional and detention facilities. It also assists states and local governments in creating and maintaining community-based aftercare services for offenders. The goal of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs.

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 Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program (Release: October 27; Close: January 8).

This program helps protect crime victims from further victimization and ensures that victims' legal rights are being honored. SAVIN programs also improve criminal justice decisions by ensuring that victims are given the timely and accurate information they need to fully participate in the judicial process (arrest, incarceration, prosecution, conviction, and/or placement in community supervision). SAVIN helps states obtain effective technology to manage critical information about offenders in near real-time. Through SAVIN, victims can access critical information through a web site and toll-free number with support from a live operator 24 hours a day and register to be notified via telephone or e-mail.

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 Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Training and Technical Assistance Program (Release: November 17; Close: December 18).

The SAVIN Training and Technical Assistance Program supports the development, implementation, operation, and enhancement of statewide automated notification systems that protect crime victims from further victimization by ensuring that victims are given the timely and accurate information they need to fully participate in the judicial process (arrest, incarceration, prosecution, conviction, and/or placement in community supervision). The training and technical assistance program supports SAVIN systems by: 1) providing proactive, comprehensive, user-friendly technical assistance services; 2) developing uniform protocols for the assessment and delivery of technical assistance, as well as tracking, evaluation, and follow-up; 3) using technical assistance strategies that include developing publications, teleconferencing, peer-to-peer consultations, onsite technical assistance, and ongoing technical assistance by phone and e-mail; and 4) planning and hosting regional workshops.

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 Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program Regional Centers (Release: November 24; Close: January 15).

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum administered by BJA in cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Through this solicitation, BJA is seeking five Regional Training Centers (RTCs), one in each of the five G.R.E.A.T. Regions (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, South West, and West) to host and operate a regional training center. Each RTC will promote the program as well as organize, prepare for, and conduct training programs and provide technical assistance to G.R.E.A.T. agencies in their region and disseminate appropriate information about G.R.E.A.T.

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 Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program (Release: November 24; Close: January 22).

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum administered by BJA in cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid engaging in delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems.

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• Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (Release: November 24; Close: January 29). The purpose of the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program is to provide substance abuse resources to state, local, and tribal governments to establish or enhance adult drug courts and systems for nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. Drug courts help reduce recidivism and substance abuse among nonviolent offenders and increase an offender's likelihood of successful rehabilitation through early, continuous, and intense judicially supervised treatment, mandatory periodic drug testing, community supervision, and appropriate sanctions and other habilitation services.

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 National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Participation Program (Release: November 24; Close: February 12).

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) was created to deter trafficking in stolen vehicles by strengthening law enforcement against auto theft (Title I), combating automobile title fraud (Title II), preventing "chop shop"-related thefts (Title III), and inspecting exports for stolen vehicles (Title IV). NMVTIS allows titling agencies to instantly and reliably verify the information on a paper title with the electronic data from the state that issued the title. In addition, the system provides law enforcement with a tool to assist in reducing auto theft and vehicle title-related crimes.

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Tribal Courts Assistance Program (Release: December 1; Close: February 12).

The goal of this program is to develop new tribal courts, improve the operations of existing tribal courts, and provide funding for technical assistance and training of tribal court staff. The objective in reaching this goal is to help tribal governments develop, enhance, and continue the operation of tribal justice systems, including intertribal court systems.

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Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (Release: December 15; Close: February 12). The
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• Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Release: January 12; Close: March 12). The Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Discretionary Grant Program assists tribes in cost effectively planning, renovating, and constructing facilities associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction. In addition, this funding opportunity allows tribes to explore community-based alternatives such as probation, day reporting, treatment services, pretrial services, and court-administered programs to help control and prevent jail overcrowding due to alcohol and other substance abuse. Applicants are limited to federally recognized tribal governments.

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• Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Training and Technical Assistance Program (Release: January 12; Close: March 12).

The Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Training and Technical Assistance Program will assist tribes in developing strategies to cost effectively plan, renovate, and/or construct facilities associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction. Applicants are limited to tribal and non-tribal for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortiums with demonstrated national level experience in working with tribal representatives to plan, renovate, and construct correctional facilities that serve local and regional needs.

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Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (Release: January 12; Close: March 12).
 Through the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, BJA will increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to mental health and other treatment services for adult or juvenile offenders with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

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• Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (Release: January 21; Close: March 12).

This program provides financial and technical assistance to federally recognized tribal governments to develop or enhance tribal justice systems, with a special focus on reducing crime associated with the distribution and abuse of alcohol and controlled substances.

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 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program (Release: January 21; Close: March 26).

Through a qualified provider, BJA will provide training and technical assistance to state and local Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program FY 2009 award recipients as well as other jurisdictions in the field working to develop and enhance responses to people with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders at risk of, or who are already, in contact with the criminal justice system. Services will include onsite technical assistance, distance learning, peer-to-peer consultations, and ongoing support via phone and e-mail.

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• Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Curriculum Development and Delivery Program (Release: January 21; Close: March 26).

In close consultation with BJA and an advisory board, a qualified provider will develop and deliver curriculum for criminal justice, mental health treatment, and substance abuse treatment practitioners to improve outcomes for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. BJA is requesting the curriculum address improving collaborations and services provided at any intervention point within the criminal justice system (e.g., law enforcement, pre-trial or court-based, jail- or prison-based, reentry, community corrections, and support services).

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 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration State-Based Capacity Building Program (Release: January 21; Close: March 26).

Through a qualified provider, BJA will provide resources and supports to jurisdictions from states which submitted competitive applications for the FY 2009 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, but did not receive awards. Services may include strategic planning for state task forces, regional events, assistance with pilot programs, and opportunities for peer-to-peer consultations.

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Adult Drug Court Research to Practice Initiative (Release: February 2; Close: March 26).
 Through the Drug Court Research to Practice Initiative, BJA seeks a provider to develop training for drug court practitioners to enhance operational drug courts utilizing lessons learned from the latest drug court research. It is intended that the selected provider will develop training on how best to implement critical elements revealed by research findings, including pilot site training delivery and broader training delivery mechanisms.

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• Adult Drug Court Planning and Training Program (Release: February 2; Close: March 26). Through the Drug Court Training Initiative, BJA will continue to provide training for new drug court teams as well as subject matter trainings. The Adult Drug Court Planning Initiative uses distance-based technical assistance and a week-long training program designed to fulfill three interconnected goals: (1) educate the team on the basic concepts of drug court, including information on building the components of a drug court; (2) provide the team with the fundamental skills necessary for the paradigm shift from standard case processing to drug court case processing; and (3) encourage and educate the team to build its program with an emphasis on cultural competency, while integrating the court and treatment. The Subject Matter Training Initiative serves to improve the level of functioning and sustainability of drug courts by addressing emerging issues and barriers to drug court success.

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• Adult Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (Release: February 2; Close: March 31).

Through the Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program, BJA will continue to provide assistance to the states and local jurisdictions in developing and enhancing drug court programs through presentations, distance learning, publications, teleconferencing, peer-to-peer consultations, onsite technical assistance, and ongoing technical assistance by phone and e-mail.

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• Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program (Release: February 2; Close: March 26).

The goal of this program is to provide training and technical assistance to tribal communities in planning and implementing comprehensive strategies to reduce and control crime associated with alcohol and other drug abuse; and in developing, implementing and enhancing American Indian and Alaska Native tribal justice systems

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• Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Program (Release: February 23; Close: April 20).

This program will provide grants to states, local governments, and tribes that may be used to promote the safe and successful reintegration into the community of individuals who have been incarcerated. Allowable uses of funds include mentorship, housing, education and job training, engagement with community colleges, family programming, initiatives addressing victim priorities and restorative justice, research to improve the effectiveness of release and revocation decisions using risk assessment tools, and reentry court programs.

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 Second Chance Adult and Juvenile Reentry Resource Center (Release: March 2; Close: April 20).

This program will provide one grant to a national nonprofit organization with an established history of providing technical assistance and training, and has special expertise and broad, national-level experience in offender reentry programs, training, and research to establish a national resource center to collect and disseminate best practices and provide training and support around reentry.

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Capital Case Litigation Initiative (Release: TBA; Close: TBA).

This initiative allows BJA to provide training to defense counsel who represent indigent defendants, and local and state prosecutors to improve the quality of representation provided to indigent defendants, enhance the ability of prosecutors to effectively represent the public, and ensure the reliability of verdicts in state capital cases. Grantees will oversee curricula refinement and training delivery at the state level.

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Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (State Release: TBA; Local Release: TBA).

The JAG Program allows tribes, local governments, and states to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own needs and conditions. Funds may be used for law enforcement; prosecution and courts; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment; and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.

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Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) (Release: TBA; Close: TBA).

PSN links local, state, and federal law enforcement, prosecutors, and community leaders in a comprehensive strategy of deterrence, prevention, and prosecution of gun crime. The five core elements of PSN—partnerships, strategic planning, training, community outreach, and accountability—strengthen the success of the initiative across the country. PSN is committed to building effective local, state, and federal partnerships; using research tools to assist with guiding local strategies and measuring their impact; providing comprehensive training; conveying the initiative's priorities, message, and results to the community and the media; and building a strong coalition with citizens for lasting change in their own communities. BJA administers the PSN grant funds allocated to the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts throughout the nation.

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